

neighborhood, you will see new lofts and condominiums, trendy restaurants, and many people moving in. But 50 years ago, it was one of the poorest parts of Chicago. It used to be called "Skid Row" and was crowded with warehouses and boarded-up businesses. Not much of that past is left there today, except for a few brick buildings and Chicago's largest addiction and mental health treatment facility, Haymarket Center, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

When Haymarket Center was founded in 1975, not many people would venture to the West Loop. Many locals were experiencing addiction and alcoholism, and the stigmas surrounding those diseases were devastating. At the time, the sentiment in America was that addiction was a personal failure. Those who suffered from addiction were cast out of society, isolated from their families, and denied the treatment they so desperately needed. Instead of being sent to hospitals, they would be sent to jails.

However, there was one man willing to venture to Skid Row. He had rosy Irish cheeks and a slight limp, and he was committed to helping those who had no one else to care for them. His name was Monsignor Ignatius McDermott, but we all knew him as Father Mac. Father Mac was a friend of mine; he was a model of compassion, commitment, and service.

He began his path to addiction treatment at Maryville Academy, an orphanage in a suburb 25 miles west of Chicago. Father Mac was only 25 when he started working at Maryville, and there, he saw how many children were affected by their parents' addiction. When he had to make a home visit, he often would venture to Skid Row and see the plight of those living there. These experiences drove him to move to Skid Row in 1946 to help people beat their addiction. Almost every night, Father Mac would walk up and down the streets of Skid Row looking for someone to offer encouragement.

That was something I always respected about Father Mac. While so many people would pick up the pace or cross the street to avoid someone who may be sick with addiction, Father Mac would slow down and stop to see what he could do to help.

As Father Mac served Chicago's West Loop, he began to realize that addiction needed to be treated like the disease it was. That realization was shared by a renowned surgeon and psychiatrist Dr. James West, who had his own struggles with addiction. Together, these two men founded Haymarket House, which would go on to become Haymarket Center.

The opening of Haymarket Center was a turning point in Chicago's approach to addiction treatment. In thinking about the mission that inspired these two men, I am reminded of something Father Mac would say. "The Master is kindness . . . It is the only language in the world that the deaf can

hear, the blind can see, that the mute can speak." And kindness is embodied throughout Haymarket Center's operations. It was one of the first places in Chicago where people in the throes of addiction could go and be treated with love, not judgement.

Fifty years later, that guiding light has not changed. Haymarket Center still is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. It is a beacon of hope, ensuring our most vulnerable have access to critical services regardless of their income or background. Haymarket Center has grown to treat more than 12,000 patients a year and offers 30 specialized addiction and recovery programs in support of its mission. These programs also support job training and mental health counseling for patients, helping to address the root causes of suffering and providing patients with a path forward. Haymarket Center continues to push our understanding surrounding addiction into the future, recognizing the role that poverty and trauma play in addiction.

I and so many other of Chicago's representatives have seen the impact Haymarket Center has on our community. That is why, throughout my time in Congress, I have worked to secure resources and change Federal policies to help the healers at Haymarket Center fulfill their mission.

I want to thank Haymarket Center's current CEO Dr. Dan Lustig for his work in ensuring Haymarket continues to live up to Father Mac's vision. Dr. Lustig's leadership has kept Haymarket at the forefront of addiction treatment amidst the opioid epidemic and mental health crisis.

While Father Mac is no longer with us, his legacy lives on through Haymarket Center. I join people across the Chicagoland area in congratulating Haymarket Center for 50 years of incredible work, helping those who had no one else to turn to, and treating everyone who walked through its doors with kindness.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. President, on May 21, 2025, I was unavoidably absent for the following rollcall votes. My absence was due to familial obligations that presented an unavoidable conflict.

For rollcall Vote No. 265, had I been present, I would have voted yea.

For rollcall vote No. 266 had I been present, I would have voted nay.

For rollcall Vote No. 267 had I been present, I would have voted yea. For rollcall Vote No. 268, had I been present, I would have voted yea. For rollcall Vote No. 269, had I been present, I would have voted yea. For rollcall Vote No. 270, had I been present, I would have voted yea. For rollcall Vote No. 271, had I been present, I would have voted yea. For rollcall Vote No. 272, had I been present, I would have voted yea.

For rollcall vote No. 273 had I been present, I would have voted nay. For

rollcall vote No. 274 had I been present, I would have voted nay. For rollcall vote No. 275 had I been present, I would have voted nay. For rollcall vote No. 276 had I been present, I would have voted nay. For rollcall vote No. 277 had I been present, I would have voted nay. For rollcall vote No. 278 had I been present, I would have voted nay. For rollcall vote No. 279 had I been present, I would have voted nay. For rollcall vote No. 280 had I been present, I would have voted nay. For rollcall vote No. 281 had I been present, I would have voted nay.

On July 8, 2025, I was unavoidably absent for the following rollcall votes. My absence was due to a weather delay in my flight arrival, which created an unavoidable conflict.

For rollcall Vote No. 373, had I been present, I would have voted nay. For rollcall Vote No. 374, had I been present, I would have voted nay.

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF J. THOMAS MANGER

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor J. Thomas Manger, the former chief of the U.S. Capitol Police. Chief Manger has served our country honorably in law enforcement for nearly 50 years. Throughout his career, he has strived to ensure the safety of our communities, including as chief of the Montgomery County Police in my home State. In July of 2021, Chief Manger stepped up with strength, courage, and grace on behalf of our Nation following the attack on our Capitol on January 6.

As chief of the U.S. Capitol Police, Manger has demonstrated principled leadership, unwavering service, and a commitment to safeguarding members of Congress, staffers, and visitors. Following January 6, he reviewed over 100 safety recommendations, implementing many of them in an effort to improve security to protect the Capitol, the American people, and our democratic process. During his tenure, Chief Manger also worked to grow the Capitol Police force by hiring new officers, retaining current officers, and implementing policies to meet the changing demands on Capitol security.

Chief Manger's storied career in law enforcement began long before his decision to come out of retirement to protect our Nation's Capital. He started with the Fairfax County Police Department as an officer and rose through the ranks. He earned the Silver Medal of Valor in 1993 and served as police chief in Fairfax from 1998 to 2004. In 2004, he began his 15-year tenure as chief of police in Montgomery County. During his term, he proposed requiring body cameras for all officers, implemented de-escalation training for officers, and received several national awards. His numerous accolades include the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence's 2007 Law Enforcement Award, the Anti-Defamation League's 2016 Gorowitz Institute Service Award, the National

Immigration Forum's 2017 Keeper of the Dream Award, and the 2018 FBI National Executive Institute Penrith Award.

I commend Chief Manger for his many years of service, his dedication to the safety of the public and the stability of our democratic institutions. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking him for his extraordinary service to this institution and wishing him a well-earned, enjoyable, and fulfilling retirement.

REMEMBERING COLONEL CARLYLE "SMITTY" HARRIS

Mr. WICKER. Mr. President, this month, Mississippi said farewell to Col. Carlyle "Smitty" Harris—a war hero, a family man, and a community leader who left a storied legacy.

Many Mississippians know the story of Colonel Harris. In April 1965, during a mission over North Vietnam, Colonel Harris' F-105 was shot down by enemy artillery. He became the sixth American prisoner of war in that conflict and would spend nearly 8 years in captivity. Colonel Harris approached imprisonment with courage and resilience. He introduced his fellow POWs to the now-famous "Tap Code," which allowed them to communicate with one another. His ingenuity helped sustain morale amid vile prison conditions.

Colonel Harris maintained a sharp mind during and after his military deployment. He was committed to a lifetime of learning and had a resume to prove it. While serving on the faculty of the Air War College, he completed two degrees. He continued his education at the University of Mississippi Law School and returned to the classroom several years later for a degree in banking.

Colonel Harris had a demanding work schedule, but he made time to volunteer. He approached numerous local leadership roles with the same dedication he gave to his Air Force and civilian careers. For years, he committed much of his spare time to philanthropic causes, including the Tupelo Rotary Club, the North Mississippi Medical Center, and the Boys and Girls Club.

Although Colonel Harris lived a remarkable life, those who knew him recall a man with a down-to-earth character. Despite his professional accomplishments, he was most proud of his role as a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

I join my fellow Mississippians in saluting Colonel "Smitty" Harris, remembering with gratitude and admiration his life of sacrifice and leadership.

REMEMBERING MICHAEL REMINGTON

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life and service of Michael John Remington. A longtime aide to former Wisconsin Representative Bob Kastenmeier, Mike played a

pivotal role on Capitol Hill in shaping strong intellectual property laws. America is known for and that our artists, musicians, authors, and others have utilized for decades.

Mike was born in 1945 in Baraboo, WI. A graduate of Central High School in Madison, Mike went on to earn his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Mike comes from a family with a deep commitment to public service. His father Frank Remington was a national leader on criminal law and procedure and whose work continues through the University of Wisconsin's Frank J. Remington Center.

Mike's first taste for service came as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Cote d'Ivoire in West Africa, where he helped build homes and a basketball court. Mike went on to earn a Fulbright scholarship which brought him to Paris, France. He was the first American to be a Fulbright scholar at the Conseil d'Etat, equivalent to the U.S. Supreme Court. Shortly thereafter, Mike moved to Washington, DC, to apply his unmatched work ethic and intellect to strengthen the U.S. legal system.

In 1977, he joined the staff of Representative Bob Kastenmeier, who represented Mike's hometown of Madison. During that time, Mike worked closely with Representative Kastenmeier to strengthen intellectual property laws. Later, Mike served as chief counsel to the Judiciary Subcommittee of the U.S. House of Representatives on Intellectual Property and Judicial Administration for 9 years, where he played a pivotal role in the enactment of over 20 public laws aimed at improving the administration of justice. Among his many accomplishments were several key amendments to patent law.

Mike was genuinely committed to bipartisanship, working closely with Members on both sides of the aisle to achieve shared goals around improving the legal system. Mike served as the director of the National Commission on Judicial Discipline and Removal, an entity established by Congress to study and report to the President, Chief Justice, and Congress on issues relating to judicial misconduct and impeachment. He also served as staff to the Presidential Clemency Board in the Ford administration and to the National Information Infrastructure Advisory Council in the Clinton administration.

Following his service on Capitol Hill, Mike became partner at Drinker Biddle in Washington, DC. Mike was also the founding chair of the firm's intellectual property group. Throughout his career, he worked with a diverse array of clients, from a performing rights organization representing thousands of songwriters and music publishers, to a university foundation involved in technology licensing, individual authors and creators, and an alliance of inventors and start-ups.

Beyond his public service, Mike was a beloved husband, father, and grand-

father. He enjoyed travel, exploring his talents in cooking, photography, painting, and writing along the way.

In 2015, at an event honoring Representative Kastenmeier, former Wisconsin State Supreme Court Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson noted Mike's "great influence in Congress and in Wisconsin" and said "there aren't enough Remingtons. Can't get enough Remingtons."

Mike's dedicated public service, love of Wisconsin and our Nation, are a lasting and indelible legacy. I am grateful for Mike's service and leadership.

REMEMBERING TIMOTHY STRACHAN

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor and remember an inspiring, beloved former member of the Senate community Timothy Strachan.

Tim, who served as a counsel on the Senate Judiciary Committee from 2005 to 2008, lived an incredible life that was characterized by an unbreakable spirit and the ability not just to overcome adversity, but thrive amid it. He tragically passed away last month after a courageous battle with cancer.

His story was anything but ordinary. As a standout quarterback at nearby DeMatha Catholic High School, Tim was a top college prospect when his life changed in an instant. On a beach vacation ahead of his senior year, he became paralyzed from the neck down after a swimming accident.

Such an earth-shaking disruption to a person's health and dreams for the future would shatter many of us, but Tim was undaunted and set about to reinvent his life's purpose.

He finished high school on time, attended the University of Maryland to study communications, and then earned a law degree from Georgetown University. After his time in the Senate concluded, he joined the Federal Communications Commission as an attorney advisor for its legislative affairs team as well as its lead attorney on wireless communications policy.

After the accident, the remarkable grit, perseverance, and hopeful outlook he characterized were striking, and he quickly became a dynamic motivational speaker whose trademark positivity and ability to connect with people were constantly in demand.

Tim's passion for football never waned. He served as a student assistant coach at the University of Maryland and went on to become the color commentator for its radio broadcasts for over 20 years.

He was also a devoted husband to his dear wife Leslie and cherished father to Olivia, Sophie, and Luke, as well as a fixture in his community who radiated joy and warmth. They, along with legions of admirers across the country, will deeply miss his larger-than-life presence.

I join so many others in extending sincere condolences to all of Tim Strachan's loved ones and friends who